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THE DEADLIEST POISON.

Gurare, Whose Secret Is Known Only to the Abors of India.

The cranks who not so long ago suspired to murder Premier Lloyd George were going to employ curare, the kind made by the Abor tribesmen of India, which is the deadlest polson known to man.

It is believed in London, where curare has been extensively studied, that trees do not fall off within twenty-four hours the poison is considered inefficacious.

The Abors use curare in a simple. scratch from one such arrow tip means certain and immediate death.

The English conspirators, it will be remembered, planned to attack Lloyd George in the Abor way, shooting curare poisoned darts at him from an air gun.

The last case on record of curare murder occurred in Vienna, where a young doctor recently was sentenced to life imprisonment for supplying a young married woman with curare. She touched the poison to a scratch on her aged husband's arm, and he died in great agony:

Chickens are the only living crea tures immune to the deadly effects of curare.-Detroit Free Press.

Magicians of the Pen.

While W. W. Jacobs confesses that he often sits, pen in hand, a whole morning without putting a solitary word on paper, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has written a story of 12,000 words without once leaving his desk. Even such a painstaking writer as the late R. L. Stevenson had his spasms of lightning work, in one of which he completed his famous "Jekyll and Hyde" story within seven days, and Hall Calue wrote the first and last tines of his "Life of Coleridge" in three weeks. While Sir J. M. Barrie counts words between breakfast and bed, and Mrs. L. T. Meade has produced 20,000 words in a busy day.

The late Andrew Lang, when in the mood, has more than once written 5,000 words of a book between breakfast and a late luncheon, and it is said that S. R. Crockett wrote the last half of "The Stickit Minister" in forty bours.-London Answers.

Enlisting a Golfer's Aid. "I hung a few rugs on the line yes-

"Then I got my husband's midiron and told him to go out in the yard and practice a few golf swings on them "- Detroit Free Press

A Popular Recreation. "Where are you going, Sandy?" said one Scotchman to another.

"Doon to the club," said Sandy,

"And wha' foor?"

"Just to contradect a wee bit."

Equint and superculosis. Squint is a sign of a predisposition to tuberculosis, according to Dr. W. C. Rivers, who writes to the Lancet announcing it and adding that the only previous observation of the kind is by Homer, whose picture of Thersites.

Cross eyed he was, and halting moved or Ill paired; his gibbous shoulders o'er his

Contracted, pinched it, * * * was, according to Dr. Rivers, "drawn from a tuberculosis cripple of soured

Discrediting an Astrologer. A certain king, says a tale from the Persian, asked an astrologer, "How he said goodby to the diamond game as one respect, but false in another. She many years of life remain to me?" The wise man replied. "Ten." The king became very despondent and betook bimself, as one stricken with a sickness, to his bed. His vizier, who possessed great wisdom, sent for the seer and in the king's presence asked him, "How many years have you to live?" He replied, "Twenty." The vizier or dered that he should that very hour be executed in the king's presence. The king was satisfied and commended the sugacity of his minister and no longer attached any importance to the astrologer's saying.

Paper was made from rags in Araul more than ten centuries ago, the an being brought to Europe in the the teenth century.

The Banner. BACK IN '87 THEY KILLED THE BALL

Records Show Fifteen Players Batted Over .400.

COBB LAST TO TURN TRICK

All Told, There Have Been Thirty-one Diamond Artists Who Have Hit For .400 or Better Since Big Show Was Organized-Seven Have Been Re-

What do you know about a baseball with a batting average of .400 or better? You guessed right. It happened in the olden days of big league pastiming, in the days of which grandfather likes to tell how they pickled

Thirty years ago the National league and the American association held the spotlight in baseball as do the National and American leagues today. It was then-in 1887, to be exact-that the hardest bitting on record came to pass. In that year the American association records showed eleven players its chief ingredients are snake venom with a batting average of .400 or betand certain distillations from decayed ter. The players were O'Nell, Caruthcorpses. It is even asserted that the ers and Robinson of St. Louis, Brown-Abor tribesmen test the strength of ing and Mack of Louisville, Lyons and curare by injecting a little into a vig- Stovey of the Athletics, Bedford and erous tree. If all the leaves of the Orr of the Metropolitans, Burns of Baltimore and Burch of Brooklyn.

the .400 set, the players being Anson before the 1st of May. primitive way. They dip their arrow of Chicago, Ferguson of Philadelphia troit.

> the champion circle. Since 1912, the in my assumption. last time Ty Cobb turned the trick, no blg time leader has hit for .400.

Three American leaguers-Lajoie, Cobb batting card with an average of .400 or

All told there have been thirty-one ized. Seven have been repeaters, tion. among them Ross Barnes and Jesse Burkett, who stayed in the .400 set

Ty Cobb is the only present day and "No, Mrs. Ackerman." player who stacks up with the old time vorably with that of the old boys,

400 batting marks,

BALL PLAYER NOW MAYOR.

Hickman Held American League Rec-

ord For Hitting as a First Baseman. Charlie Hickman, who holds the a first baseman and who for four years held an average of higher than 300 with the swat stick and who in addition played at not less than seven dif- the rest herself. ferent positions while a big leaguer and with seven different big lengue I asked. clubs, was elected recently to the somemost thriving cities, which boasts a tatoes. population of between 15,000 and 20.-

Young Hickman a Speeder.

Young Hickman, the Brooklyn's extra outfielder, is said to be the fastest runner in the big leagues. He is rather short and thick set, but he can fly over the ground when he gets under full beadway. Hickman's great speed en were not too luxuriant, and Margaret abled him to get under a torrid drive said she did not fear that the crop furnished the key to fortune. from George Burns' bat in the four- would be mostly stalk with few potateenth inning of a recent game. He caught the ball on the left field foul line a few feet in front of the wooden barrier and ended the game. Hickman also sprinted so swiftly after Burns' tremendous drive in the twelfth that he probably prevented a home run. which would have decided the battle then and there.

DENERS WERESTERS SERVERS SERVES S A Grop of **Potatoes**

It Was Connected With a Romance.

By F. A. MITCHEL ncecerecerecente acertace contrata catalante a catalante catalante catalante

When the time approached for our going to our modest country home for the summer I had just parted with my fifth servant in as many months, I the place, expatiating on the delicious season that produced fifteen pastimers country air and mentioning that the house stood in a four acre lot.

I received just one reply. A few days after the issue of the advertisement a girl came to see me who said that she was looking for a situation. She was very plainly dressed, but there was an air about her that did not accord with her attire. She did not seem so interested in the wages I proposed to pay as in the place where she was to spend the summer. She asked me if there was room for a kitchen garden, adding that she would like to try her hand at raising vegetables. When informed her that she could have all the land she could plant, that the soil was excellent and had never grown position, but on condition that she might be permitted to go to the place by the middle of April in order to get

tips in the fresh poison. The slightest and Brouthers and Thompson of De fill her position in my household for garet was fitted to fill almost any Lord's last messages are electric with Only once since the memorable sea- to depart for the country. She came of other questions about her betrothson of 1887 have there been more than one day at noon and cooked the din- ed, but she was as reticent about this two .400 wallopers in one year. In her. I had told my husband that I as she had been about all matters per-1894 Duffy of Boston, Thompson of had secured a prize, and when he saw taining to herself. Detroit and Delehanty and Turner of Margaret and ate the dinner she had Philadelphia slugged their way into prepared he admitted that I was right

> "But I fear," he said, "that she will be above her work. She is evidently It would seem that the National not of the servant class. I can't exleague gave up the business of develop- actly make out to what class she being .400 swatters when the American longs; but, from her personality, leavleague came into existence. The parent ing out the fact that she is a serv- servant, and she seemed to have formorganization hasn't owned a 400 hitter ant. I would place her well up in the ed some attachment for me, since 1899, when Ed Delehanty and social scale. I don't believe she will Jesse Burkett hit for the high mark. be satisfied to remain long with you." "If she plants a garden she will have and Jackson-have turned in a season's to remain with me," I replied, "till she has gathered her crop.

> Margaret showed no disposition to be pastimers who have hit for the .400 or | we were in the city nor, for that mat | see me at the wedding of her daughter, better since the big show was organ- ter, ever displayed such dissatisfacthree seasons, and Ty Cobb and Ed exact such consideration and was al-Delebanty, Sam Thompson, Pop Anson ways perfectly respectful to me, though and Harry Stovey, with records of two she never addressed me as "ma'am." It was always "Yes, Mrs. Ackerman,

On the 15th of April my maid left me sluggers. Ty may not be so wicked for the country. I supposed that she slighting were in costumes appropriate sides the "whole armor of God" with the bludgeon, but even grandfa- would fear to sleep alone in the house, 500 or 600 words a "good day's work," | ther will have to admit that his bat- but she said she might have a sister H, G. Wells has often written 10,000 ting average year to year compares fa- with her some of the time, with my Today a 400 clouter is indeed a rare We missed the delightful meals Mar groom, attired in a Prince Albert coat bird. Perhaps some pastimer of the garet prepared for us, for she was the and gray trousers, I recognized the future will hit his way to fame, but in best cook I ever knew. I was glad man who had carted away Margaret's all probability when Tyrus passes out when the time came to follow her, potatoes. The bride was in traveling of the big yard he will take back to though my husband said that if she costume. Georgia the last of the major leagues were to make a farmer of herself she

would deteriorate as a cook. here and there. I asked Margaret who crop American league record for hitting as had turned over the ground, and she said she had bired a farmer in the neighborhood to plow it and a friend of hers had leveled it. She had done

"What have you planted, Margaret?"

of Morgantown, one of West Virginia's ble; the rest has been given up to po-

the Washington American league team, it to enter upon a speculation. Her ary. haif a year with the Chicago White action was predicated upon sound rea-Sox, back to Cleveland for a year, and soning and business principles. My then three years with the Toledo husband's prediction that I would find American association team, after which | her above her business was true in

competent to act in a far wider field.

As the weather warmed the vegetatoes. The corner that she had planted for our private use gave us such a variety of vegetable food as one could

enjoy. And this corner was of especial satisfaction to us because by midsummer and eventually made a fortune. Margaret's calculations on prices had begun to show themselves correct. We story except that Margaret has become could not buy vegetables even from the one of my most valued friends.

farmers about us at prices we could afford to pay, and, as for potatoes, when the old year's stock had given out one would have been obliged to go without them had we not bought the

morning and asked if Margaret Sayles was in. Margaret was out in the garden, and I sent him there. Later I saw him digging the potatoes, putting them in gunny sacks and loading them on to the wagon. I did not notice the man's appearance particularly, but he wore a slouch felt but and a pair of overalls. I don't know how many loads of potatoes he took away with him, but he was all day at the work.

That evening I asked Margaret how she was coming out on her crop. She said that she believed she would do very well, since potatoes were increasing in price every day. I replied that concluded to advertise for another. I I was well aware of the fact, to my wrote out a tempting description of cost. She added that she had been so licited by the neighboring farmers to hold her property for a better price, but had declined. She did not believe in the principle and would risk losing all she had made. The price might drop and the potatoes might rot on her hands. I told her I thought she was

We returned to the city on the 1st serve me faithfully till the end of the year, when she notified me that she expected to be married in the spring and would leave me whenever I had found another servant to suit me. Of course this was a great disappointment, but I had no blame for Margaret. I asked told me her betrothed was the man who anything but grass, she accepted the had carted away her potatoes, adding that he was a practical gardener.

When she told me this I was sorry that I had not more carefully noticed The same season the National league her planting done in season. It was the man. I was a trifle disappointed kicked in with a quartet of hitting in not my intention to go to the country that she was not to marry some one in a higher station, for both my hus-Margaret, my new maid, agreed to band and I clung to the idea that Marthe few weeks remaining till she was grade in social life. I asked a number

Margaret would not leave me till I had tried several persons to take her place. Finally 1 found a woman who was fairly satisfactory, and I insisted on parting with Margaret, for I knew that she wished to spend her time preparing for her wedding. I felt that I was losing a companion rather than a

"Let me know when the wedding is to come off." I said. "You will certainly receive an invi-

tation," was her reply, One morning in June it came. was an engraved note stating that dissatisfied with her work so long as Mrs. Elihu Sayles would be pleased to place for evil and evil-doers. Margaret, at the residence of Mr. Wil-True, I treated her with more llam Ferguson. There was nothing gives peculiar point to the advice in consideration than I had ever treated about it that bespoke the servant. In- the text; it is a situation the church a servant before. But she did not deed, there was everything indicating that the parties concerned were of the better class.

On the day of the nuptials I drove up to the house of Mr. Ferguson, which I found on a first class residence street. Other vehicles were arriving, and those herself of use to the world and beto a wedding in high life. There were perhaps fifty guests in all. At noon the couple took their position before permission. This I of course granted, the officiating clergyman, and in the

bride with the throng of guests, and When I reached my cottage I found her mother, saying that she would like Margaret domesticated. She was alone, to make me acquainted with her brothher sister having gone away the day er, Mr. Ferguson, took me to him. He before my arrival. What was my sur- beckoned me to follow him to another prise to see two-thirds of the ground room and then and there explained the laid out for a garden and a few sprouts | mystery of Margaret and her potato

"If I were a young man seeking a helpmate." he said, "I should consider myself most fortunate if I could secure my niece Margaret. Her father brought her up in comfort, but practically. He considered the basis of a woman's education cookery and sent "I have put in a variety in that cor- his daughter to a cooking school. He what distinguished position of mayor ner," she said, pointing, "for your ta- died a few years ago, and she has since, up to the time she went to you, made her living by some plan connect-"Potatoes!" I exclaimed, "What do ed with cooking. She became engaged 000 and which is the seat of West Vir- you propose to do with so many po- to the man she has just married a year ago. He has been studying agri-Hickman started out playing baseball "Sell them. You see, Mrs. Acker- catture and has just been graduated, there in 1896, went from Morgantown man, that the world's war is reducing but had no funds. Seeing your adverto Newcastle, Pa., in the old Interstate, the earth's products. Not only will tisement, it occurred to Margaret that then for three years with the Boston this tend to raise the price of food, by accepting a position with you she Nationals, two years with the New but speculators will make this an ex- might secure the use of ground with-York Giants, now as a third baseman, cuse to heard their products, which out cost on which to raise a crop. She then to the newly organized Boston will greatly enhance the market value. sold her potatoes for \$800, which is American league team, then three I have put in this crop on speculation." the capital on which the couple are to years at Cleveland, where he played at 1 was astonished. A servant girl commence married life. Her husband first base; then a year at Detroit in bad secured a situation that brought will become scientific superintendent the outfield, two and a half years with | with it a piece of ground and had used | of a gentleman's farm at a good sal-

I was introduced to a number of Margaret's friends and relatives and found them all persons of refinement. Furthermore, they all spoke in the highest terms of her, not only praisknew her place as a servant, but was ing her for her practical makeup, but especially commenting upon the absence in her of that false pride which bles in Margaret's garden came up, and prevents so many persons from acceptsince both the soil and the weather ing positions which are calculated to were admirably fitted for the growth of exclude them from social prestige. She potatoes there was every prospect of did not hesitate to take a position her securing a fine crop. The stalks, which, though considered servile by the world, is perfectly honorable and

Margaret and her husband made a tecend step upward, occupying a cottage on the farm he managed, but it was not long before they had accumukted sufficient capital to buy a tract of And on which they planted fruit trees

There is nothing to be added to my

CHURCH IS STRONGLY BEHIND tew we needed from Margaret. When the summer was drawing to an end a man dreve up in a wagon one morning and asked if Margaret Sayles U. S. GOVERNMENT, DECLARES THE PRESBYTERIAN MODERATOR

Before Assembly in Dal-Replete With Hope For Christianity.

[By Associated Press to The Banner] Dallas, Tex., May 17-With "The Church in Armor" for a subject and the text chosen from the words of Paul in Ephesians 6:13: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God." Rev. John Abner Marquis, D. D., moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly and president of of September. Margaret continued to Coe college, Cedar Rapids, Ia., delivered the annual sermon before the assembly this afternoon.

"This is not a pacifist figure of speech-a Christian armed to the teeth-but there was a good deal of militancy in Paul, as there is in his her whom she was to marry, and she gospel," Dr. Marquis said in beginning his sermon. "The weapons of his warfare were not carnal, but they were none the less mighty and none the less dangerous to a foe.

"Christianity is not a religion of passive resignation; it teaches the passive virtues, but its emphasis is on the active, strenuous ones. Our action and bristling with energy. The disciples were to go and preach; work and battles were before them, they were called to the life of a soldier, not of a recluse.

"It is the undoubted mission of Christianity to bring peace into the world, as it is to bring salvation and righteousness, but it is never taught or intimated that this peace is to come by lying inert in the path of brute force or letting iniquity have its way without protest and combat. On the contrary, it will come as the result of conflict and struggle as hot and fierce as in the trenches of France. It is the business of religion to make the world a dangerous

"There is an appeal to the church in the world situation now which has never faced before and can only be met when we are panoplied with the whole armor of God."

Dr. Marquis said the church is better armed now than ever to make which the Ephesians had, has a base and an equipment such as no other generation of Christians ever posseed With canacions

Annual Sermon, Delivered buildings, schools, men and money at their disposal, Dr. Marquis declared the church in America is not failing las, Texas, This Afternoon and that never in the history of any nation has a free church put itself so cordially and so solidly behind its government as the church in the United States is doing now.

"She is realizing," said the speak er, "that the time has come when civilization can no longer endure a halfautocracy and a half-democratic condition. It is Freedom's hour. She must either conquer or go back 500

After declaring that the world will never get out of the influence of brute force, with its blood and slaughter, until a new spirit controls government as well as personal conduct, Dr. Marquis touched on labor troubles and said:

"The same thing is true of industrial troubles that menace us almost every moment. Difficulties between capital and labor will yield to Christhen, has now-when the world is aghast at its own failures-a fine opportunity to reveal the full power of Christ and to apply it."

In closing, Dr. Marquis declared that momentous changes are coming

"If we are worthy of Christ and the hour in which he has brought us into His kingdom, we can make the new order His order. Our faith is that this will be done."

German and Germane.

German silver was not invented in Germany and does not contain any one particle of real silver. It is really an alloy of copper, nickel and zine The word "german" is really a corrup tion of the original word "germane. which means "related to." Therefore it is "germane silver," meaning "re lated to" silver. So with "german measles."

More than 12,000 students are taking ourses in agriculture in the colleges of the United States:

YOURSELF.

The fate of the country does not depend on what kind of paper you drop into the ballot box once a year, but it does depend on what kind of man you drop from your chamber into the street every morning. - Henry David Thoreau.

THE WAY TO SUCCESS.

pegs his way up step by step, with his mind becoming wider and wider and progressively better able to grasp any situation, persevering in what he knows to be practical and concentrating his thought upon it, who is bound to succeed in the greatest degree. -Alexander Graham Bell.

Hornpipes.

Hornpipe takes its name from a wind instrument on which are produced tuneful strains as an accompaniment for this country dance, which originated in England. Sailors' hornpipe is better known to Americans.

He-And did you suffer much when ou had appendicitis?

She-Suffer? I thought I should never live to tell the tale. He-Ah, that must have been suffer

ing indeed!-Philadelphia Record.

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Saturday, June 16, 1917

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trict, for the construction of a semi-fireproof brick school building in accordance
with plans and specifications prepared by
Mason Bros., Architects, People's Bidg.,
Delaware, Ohio.

Plans and specifications may be obtained at the offices of the architect on
any working day up to the day and date
of opening bids, or from the Clerk S. E.
Harris, Bladensburg, Ohio.

All bids shall be put in accordance with
the requirements of the Ohio achool laws,
and blank proposal forms therefor may
be obtained from the architects or from
the Clerk of the Board; proposals shall
be enclosed in scaled envelope marked
Troposal for School Building' and addressed to S. E. Harris, Clerk, Bladensburg, Ohio, and shall be accompanied by
a certified check or bond in an amount
equal to 5 per cent of the total of said
proposal as a guarantee of good faith in
making same; said check or bond to be
made payable to S. E. Harris, Clerk, Bladensburg Special School District.

Bids will be publicly opened and read
at the Grange hall in the Village of Bladensburg, Ohio, at one o'clock, p. m., onday and date above given, viz., June 16,
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Lot of Men's 50c Dress Shirts39c	Lot Ladies' House Slippers25c
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ace will not permit us to mention.